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The Honorable Michael Powell
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

BY FAX
Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary
202-418-0710

Re: Support of AT&T prepaid calling card filing (Docket 03-133)

Dear Chairman Powell:

I recently learned that the FCC is expected to issue a ruling that could increase rates for low-priced telephone calling cards. I can attest to the benefit of low-priced cards and the value they bring to military personnel who have been deployed to bases around the globe because I served in the Armed Services.

Soldiers and their families can easily purchase cards at major retailers or military exchanges with rates as low as 3 cents per minute and no monthly fees. Having the ability to reach out to family and friends without worry over exaggerated and expensive fees that drive up the cost of calling is a much-needed morale booster.

I urge you and your colleagues to carefully evaluate and reject any actions that might negatively impact the option, availability and affordability of today's low-priced telephone calling cards. I urge you to support AT&T's prepaid calling card filing, Docket 03-133.

Sincerely,



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